



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 5, 2022

The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

In accordance with the *Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Temporary Act of 2020*, please find attached Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) data on its overtime spending as of the pay period ending December 18, 2021. The report provides pay period to date expenditures as well as hours used and remaining. While the agency works to use overtime judiciously, it is a critical and largely inevitable function of police work. The Department's report outlines the types of local and non-local overtime events reflected in the hours used.

Please contact my office at 202-727-4218 or [Robert.contee@dc.gov](mailto:Robert.contee@dc.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Contee III  
Chief of Police

Enclosure

cc: Muriel Bowser, Mayor  
Chris Geldart, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice

Pursuant to the *Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Temporary Act of 2020*, effective December 9, 2020 (D.C. Law 23-0263), the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is required to publish data on its overtime spending every two pay periods. This report is provided in compliance with the Act.

## Overtime Use

The Metropolitan Police Department is committed to being a trusted steward of District of Columbia resources. While the agency works to use overtime judiciously, overtime is a critical and largely inevitable function of police work. When an officer makes an arrest, he or she cannot check out at the end of the shift and leave the processing to someone else. For officers not on a day work shift, the follow-up work with prosecutors and potentially in court will all be on overtime. Similarly, detectives investigating a case do not hand it off to another detective when they are off duty. Specialized units that do not have 24-7 staffing sometimes must respond to the community during off hours. And perhaps most importantly, police must have the ability to shift resources and tours of duty at short notice or for a limited time to respond to emerging or serious public safety issues. Because of a need to staff regular assignments and provisions in the collective bargaining agreement governing notice for work schedules, these often must be staffed through overtime. Overtime usage is reviewed on a bi-weekly basis both from an agency-wide level (usage by bureau and division) and on a more discreet level (justification per person by bureau and division by the respective managers).

Overtime usage is generally divided into locally funded overtime and non-local or reimbursable overtime. The primary types of locally funded overtime are court overtime, which includes casework with prosecutors, and non-court overtime. Non-local or reimbursable overtime may include federal or grant-funded overtime, reimbursable details funded by third parties such as alcohol beverage establishments, and the Emergency Planning and Security Fund (EPSF). The EPSF costs are generally related to:

- Providing public safety at events related to the nation’s capital;
- Providing response support to immediate and specific terrorist threats or attacks in the District; and
- Providing support for requests from the United States Secret Service.

## Data

Data on overtime usage is provided below. This includes information by hour and expenditure. From an operational level, overtime is generally tracked by hours. For example, supervisors and managers do not review and approve an officer’s pay rate; they review and approve the number of hours worked.

	<b>Prior Report</b>	<b>Current Report</b>
As of Pay Period Ending:	11/20/2021	12/18/2021
Local OT Budget for FY21:	\$17,538,921	\$17,538,921
Average Hourly Rate (@1.5x):	\$53.90	\$53.90
Local Hours budgeted for FY21: <sup>1</sup>	325,388	325,388
Period to Date Estimated Expenditures: Local	\$3,682,752	\$6,185,580
Period to Date Estimated Expenditures: Non-Local	\$2,134,173	\$3,063,222
Local hours used to date:	68,351	116,318
Local hours remaining:	257,037	209,070

<sup>1</sup> Although the overtime dollars funded in a given budget are constant, because the overtime rate will vary depending on the salary of the individual working, the total hours funded may vary throughout the year.

% of Hours Remaining:	79%	64%
% of FY Remaining:	85%	77%

Hours	Local (Other)	Local (Court)	Non-local (EPSF)	Non-local (other)	Total Hours
<b>10/9/21</b>	13,106	151	4,052	5,752	26,038
<b>10/23/21</b>	18,222	373	4,930	2,975	25,732
<b>11/6/21</b>	18,491	648	6,637	3,533	73,556
<b>11/20/21</b>	16,807	555	2,551	6,347	62,637
<b>12/4/21</b>	22,177	437	4,874	3,636	20,534
<b>12/18/21</b>	24,800	552	4,386	3,916	39,337
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>113,602</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>27,429</b>	<b>26,158</b>	<b>169,904</b>
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>\$6,047,991</b>	<b>\$137,589</b>	<b>\$1,613,011</b>	<b>\$1,450,211</b>	<b>\$9,248,803</b>